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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 06/28/2001 for three (3) months from 09/28/2001 to 12/28/2001.

[] Applicant claims small entity status.

| Extension:  Months  one month  two months  three months  four months | Fee for Non- <u>Small Entity</u> \$110.00 \$400.00 \$920.00 \$1440.00 \$1960.00 | Fee for Small Entity \$55.00 \$200.00 \$460.00 \$720.00 \$980.00 | Fee <u>\$ 920.00</u> |
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| [ ] five months  | \$1960.00   | \$980.00   | ree <u>\$ 920.00</u> |

Please charge the above-identified fee and any additional fee due in this application to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

A response to the Office Action [X] is filed herewith. has been filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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